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Newsletter – July 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Summer is amidst us! A number of cities have been experiencing record high temperatures and we have not been spared from the scorching heat. Our common dialogue after mass has been, “Father, be hydrated and stay cool!” and I would respond, “Be hydrated and stay cool as well!” But how I wish I could stay cool at the second floor of the rectory.

Apparently, the heat and air conditioning unit at the second floor has not been working even before I moved here. The cold months have been bearable but not now. I was advised that I definitely need a new unit and in fact, a new unit has been ordered at the cost of about \$7,000. I will greatly appreciate any amount you can spare to purchase the unit.

It is so inspiring, indeed, that despite the extreme heat, I continue to see our volunteers working on the grottos of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Joseph. They dig, paint, cut woods and do many other things. I also see a few families bringing lunch and snacks for the volunteers. The spirit of volunteerism thrives in our Parish whatever the weather temperature is! I cannot thank you all enough for the service and generosity!

The same goes to our parishioners who responded to my call for the beautification of the Church ... bringing rose plants and helping me plant them around the Church. The garden of Saint Joseph is becoming more colorful and lovely! Thanks, indeed, to Tom Boll and Ruben Cruz.

Furthermore, the interior of our Church is immaculately clean. Special thanks to the Altar Guild led by Judy Knight and the Servidores de Maria headed by Maria Sanchez for diligently cleaning our Church!

We have begun the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes. I thank, Roger Mattu for teaching and enlightening our catechumens and candidates. Let us all pray for them as they discover the beauty and value of our faith.

The registration for religious education has also begun. We are calling on the parents of children preparing for their first communion and confirmation. We will miss the services of Louise Martin as directress of the religious education and Lynn Thatcher and Bep Zolczynski as teacher’s aides. Thanks Louise, Lynn and Bep for the good work. Next month, I will announce our new director and teacher’s aides for the forthcoming religious education classes.

Also, this month next year, we will be celebrating the National Eucharistic Congress. I pray and hope that our Parish will be represented in the said event in Indianapolis where 80,000 Catholics from all over the United States are expected to come together to worship our Eucharistic Lord. It is said that the Catholic Church in the U.S. has not gathered in this way since it got into World War II. It is indeed the Catholic event of the decade and a milestone within the National Eucharistic Revival movement. For now, I enjoin everyone to spend time of adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Friday and sign up for the whole day adoration every First Friday of the month!

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Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

and

4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake

Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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Please pray for the sick in our parish... and those who care for them....

Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Cheryl Elliehausen, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

We end this month with the good news that the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Joseph have arrived and are awaiting to be installed in their respective grottos. I urge everyone to support the Fiesta Mexicana Bajo La Luna (Mexican Feast under the Moon), in support of the fund-raising for the completion of the grottos and the gazebo. I am excitedly looking forward to wearing the traditional Mexican costume with a sombrero!

We bid this month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ good-bye but we have a few more weeks of summer so allow me to remind everyone, "Be hydrated and stay cool!" Entrusting our families and our Parish community to the Precious Blood and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!

In Christ,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor
St. Joseph Catholic Church



June 2023 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
06-03-04/2023	\$ 1,221.00	\$1,989.00	\$ 3,210.00
06/10-11/2023	\$ 1,140.00	\$2,894.00	\$ 4,034.00
06-17-18/2023	\$ 832.00	\$1,060.00	\$ 1,892.00
06/24-25/2023	\$ 957.00	\$1,764.00	\$ 2,721.00
Total	\$ 4,150.00	\$7,707.00	\$11,857.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Forms are in the back of the church. Please complete one for each child and return to the office with the tuition. Birth certificate and baptismal certificates are required.